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CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICES OF MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cellular telephone service of MTNL is not working properly in Delhi particularly in East Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): The MTNL`s cellular mobile service using CDMA WLL technology covers only certain areas as per the map advertised at the time of launch of this service. The reason for this selected coverage is on account of availability and limited number of Base Transceiver Stations at the time of launch of this service. MTNL is now upgrading the service except in respect of roaming facilities in case of service provided with CDMA technology. However, with GSM technology roaming shall also be possible.

(c) 30,000 subscribers are proposed to be provided mobile service covering all areas of Delhi by using CDMA WLL technology and one lac subscribers are proposed to be provided mobile service covering all areas of Delhi using GSM technology.These two projects are planned to be completed in this financial year so that customers get a satisfactory quality of service.